

ABSTRACT

A large number of pieces of recorded information are made to be discriminated and identified easily any time after they are recorded. When broadcast information is received from a broadcasting station 32a, contents-related information relating and corresponding to the contents of the broadcast information is received by a reception means by way of a network 30 and temporarily stored in a temporary memory means 3. When there is an external request for recording the related information, the related information temporarily stored in the temporary memory means 3 is recorded in a keeping means 4 by a related information recording means 5 and, at the same time, the broadcast information that is being received at the time of receiving the recording request is correlated with the related information recorded in the keeping means 4 and recorded in the keeping means 4 by a broadcast information recording means 6. Thus, the related information that is correlated with the broadcast information can be identified with ease by means of the recorded broadcast information.